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Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel the following claims.

15. (Cancel) ~~A data processing apparatus, substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to the accompanying drawings.~~

16. (Cancel) ~~Prediction logic for a prefetch unit of a data processing apparatus, substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to the accompanying drawings.~~

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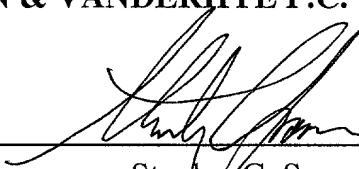
17. (Cancel) A method of predicting which instructions should be prefetched by a prefetch unit of a data processing apparatus, substantially as hereinfore described with reference to the accompanying drawings.

**REMARKS**

This preliminary amendment is intended to place the instant application in better condition for examination on the merits. Should the examiner believe further discussion would advance prosecution, they are invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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